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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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FOR AMBASSADOR GODLEY

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF BECHTEL CHAIRMAN

REF: BEIRUT 7448 (NOTAL)

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO PARKER T. HART FROM AMBASSADOR:

2. HAVE RECEIVED YOUR TELEGRAM AND WILL OF COURSE BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH STEVE BECHTEL, JR. AND O'CONNELL. I NOTE DATES ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE MENTIONED TO ME EARLIER BY VISITING BECHTEL REPRESENTATIVE AND ASSUME YOUR INFORMATION IS THE LATEST.

3. WHEN WITH DEP PRIME MINISTER HEGAZI, I TOLD HIM ON A PERSONAL BASIS OF MR. BECHTEL'S INTEREST IN MEETING WITH HIM DURING UPCOMING VISIT. HEGAZI REMINDED ME OF MY TELEPHONE CALL TO HIM LATE IN THE EVENING ON THE DAY WHEN O'CONNELL'S TALKS FIRST BEGAN AND REITERATED HIS LONG-EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE AT WHAT HE CONSIDERS BECHTEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SUMED CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT. HE NOTED POINTEDLY THAT IT WAS ONLY BECAUSE GENERAL US-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS WERE WARMING THAT HE DID NOT MAKE MORE OF BECHTEL'S ACTION. AT MY REQUEST, HOWEVER, HE AGREED TO MEET WITH MR. BECHTEL.

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4. SINCE THERE IS AN ALL MORNING CABINET MEETING

JULY 10, JULY 9 WOULD SEEM TO BE THE ONLY TIME.  
HOWEVER, IN ABSENCE FIRM ETA FROM BECHTEL PARTY, WE  
COULD NOT FIX A TIME. IT WAS LEFT, THEREFORE THAT I  
WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM AGAIN ONCE WE HAVE THE  
GROUP'S EXACT TIME OF ARRIVAL.

5. I THINK IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT MR. BECHTEL  
CALL ON HEGAZI TO DO SOME MUCH-NEEDED FENCE MENDING.  
I HAVE INFORMED WHARFF OF ABOVE. REQUEST YOU GET  
WORK OF ABOVE TO BECHTEL PARTY. REGARDS.  
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